kms. away from the city of Hyderabad. The Shilpgram is functional since 1994.

5. **South Central Zone Cultural Centre, Nagpur:** Shilpgram for SCZCC is located at Khajuraho and it is functional since 21st March, 1997.

6. **Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre, Kolkata:** Shilpgram for EZCC is located at Santiniketan and the same is functional Since December 28, 1966.

In the Shilpgrams artists perform in cultural programmes,. festivals, workshops and craft persons demonstrate their skills and market their crafts items.

Strategy to achieve growth rate

2078. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission Member Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia has outlined a five point strategy to achieve 8 per cent growth in GDP, during the Tenth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Planning Commission is not aware of any strategy that has been outlined by Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia, former Member, Planning Commission in his offical or personal capacity, to achieve 8 per cent growth in GDP during the Tenth Five Year Plan.

(b) Does not arise.

Centrally sponsored schemes

2079. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes implemented by Government;

(b) the allocation made for these social sector project during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether the Planning Commission propose to freeze the outlay for these social sector projects; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) More than 200 Centrally Sponsored Schemes were in operation during the Ninth Five Year Plan (1997—2002). The Ninth Five Year Plan outlay on the Centrally Sponsored Schemes pertaining to Social *viz.* Agriculture, Water Resources, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Labour, Health & Family Welfare, Social Welfare, Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation and Rural Development, was to the tune of Rs. 105534.79 crore.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The Finance Minister in his Budget Speech 2001-02 had mentioned that all existing schemes both at the Central/ State level would be subject to Zero Based Budgeting and emphasised the need to retain only those schemes that are demonstrably efficient and essential. The issue of transfer, convergence and weeding out of schemes also came up for discussion in the Full Planning Commission meetings held on 27th and 29th June, 2001. In view of this, the Central Ministries/Departments and State Governments have been advised to complete this exercise before the commencement of the Tenth Five Year Plan.

Effective Population Control

2080. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission on Population had undertaken an exercise to rank all the districts in the country on the basis of social, economic and demographic indicators to identify districts requiring concerted steps for effective population control;

(b) if so, the names of the districts so identified in Jammu & Kashmir and other States; and

(c) the broad features of the plan of action evolved to control the population effectively, indicating the phase-wise targets contemplated thereunder?